#### **Education Focus**

Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Meeting September 5, 2013

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## **Educational Objective & Goals**

- Objective
  - Protect and Restore Water Quality
- Watershed Goals
  - Development of general strategies to reach targeted audiences
  - Development of an evaluation component that measures qualitative and quantitative results

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#### Targeted Audiences for Outreach

- Individuals & Nongovernment Entities
  - Landowners
  - Citizen groups
  - Community service organizations
  - Religious organizations
  - Homeowners' associations
  - Recreationist
  - Business & Industry representatives
  - Environmental & conservation groups

- Local and Regional Government Entities
  - County or Regional Officials
  - Local Municipal Representatives
  - Universities, Colleges, ISDs
  - Conservation Districts
  - WCID's and WSC's
  - MUDs
- State & Federal
  - Fort Hood
  - Agencies

### NPS Assessment Report\*\*

#### Sources of Pollution Contributing to Impairments

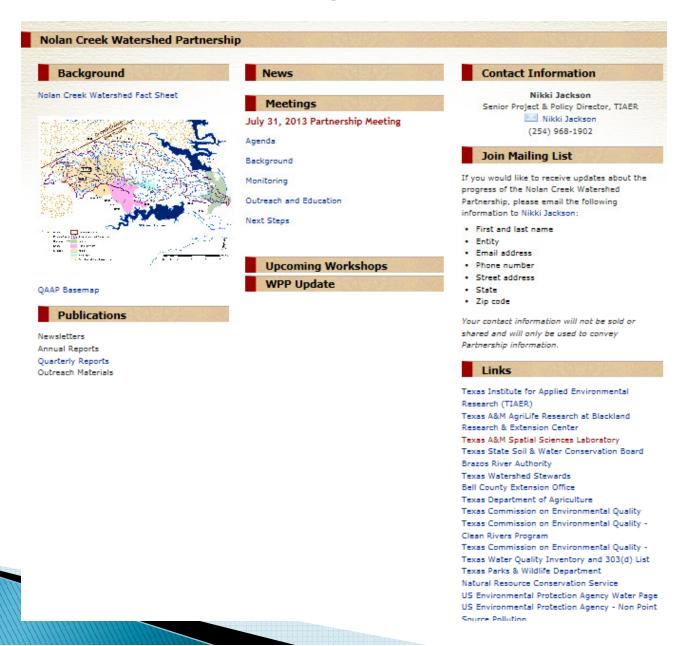
Probable Source Group	Rivers (Mi.)	Lakes (Ac.)
Agriculture*	690.9	
Aquaculture	9.5	
Atmospheric Deposition*	1.0	3,753.9
Habitat Alterations*	0.5	
Hydromodification*	11.0	2,410.0
Industrial	73.9	1,516.0
Land Application/Waste Sites/Tanks	5.6	
Legacy/Historical Pollutants		1,516.0
Municipal Discharges/Sewage	785.2	
Natural/Wildlife*	612.9	150.0
Other	249.0	2,710.0
Resource Extraction	12.6	
Unknown	1,070.2	4,228.9
Unspecified NPS*	848.0	2,710.0
Urban-Related Runoff/Storm water	430.8	
NPS Total	2,164.3 (45%)	9,023.9 (48%)

<sup>\*</sup> Category of NPS

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#### http://www.killeentexas.gov/nolancreekwatershed



#### Watershed Education

- Overall Awareness Campaign
  - Media
  - Partnership Agreements for Message Distribution
- Training for the Public
  - Riparian PFC Workshops
  - Rainwater Harvesting Education

## Watershed Education Programs

Watershed Planning Short

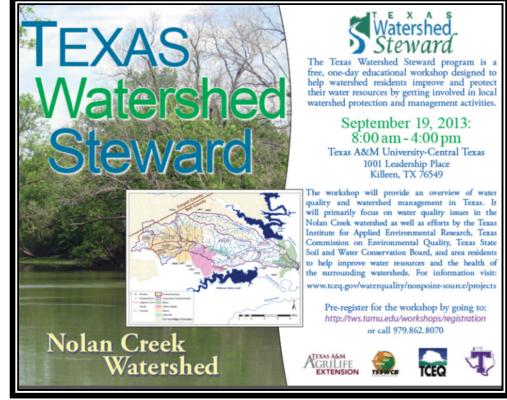
Course

TX Watershed Stewards

Watershed Coordinators Roundtable

TX Stream Team

Urban BMP Initiative



#### **Education Focus**

- Agriculture
- Wildlife, Feral Hogs, & Non-Domestic Animals
- Illegal Dumping
- Septic Systems
- Urban Runoff

## Agriculture

- Livestock Grazing Management Education
- Soil and Water Nutrient Testing

# Wildlife, Feral Hogs, & Non-Domestic Animals

Feral Hog Management Workshops

## Illegal Dumping

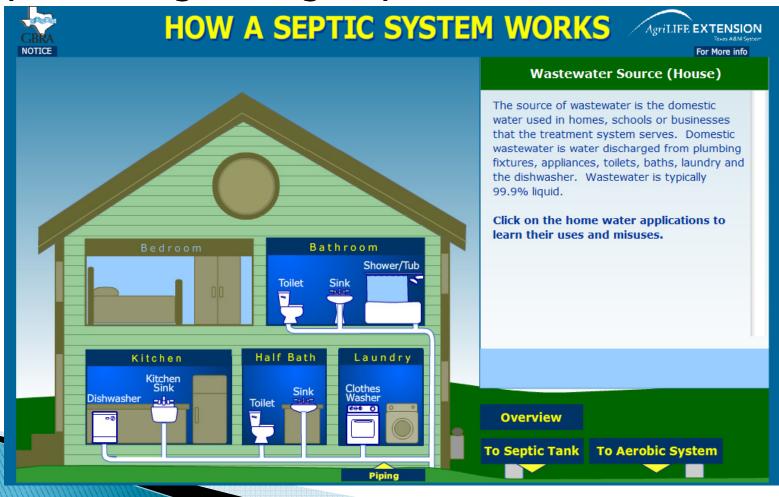
- Signage Along Creek and Tributaries
- Identification of Priority Clean-up Sites
- Code Enforcement





# Training for Septic System Owners

http://www.gbra.org/septic.swf



#### **Urban Runoff**

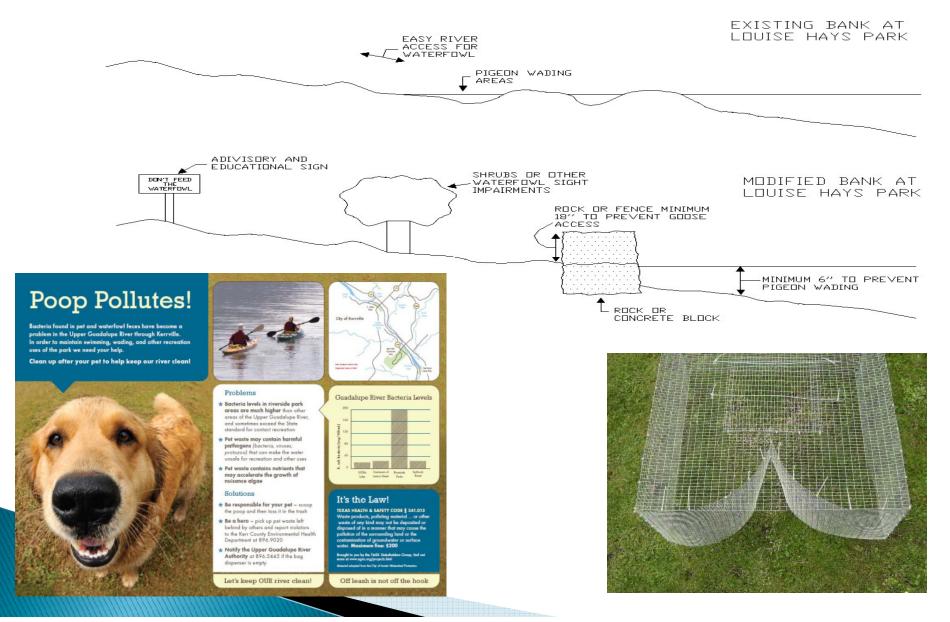
- School Districts
  - Sport Athletic Fields Education Program
  - Water Quality Project
- Storm Water BMP Demonstrations
  - Inlet Marking
  - Native Landscaping
- Pet Waste Programs



#### City of League City Water Smart Park

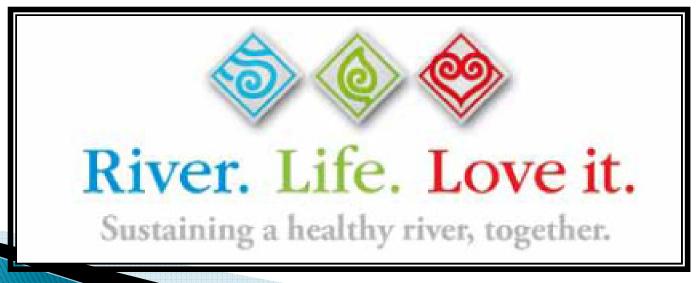


#### City of Kerrville - Bacteria Impairment Louise Hays Park - Waterfowl Management

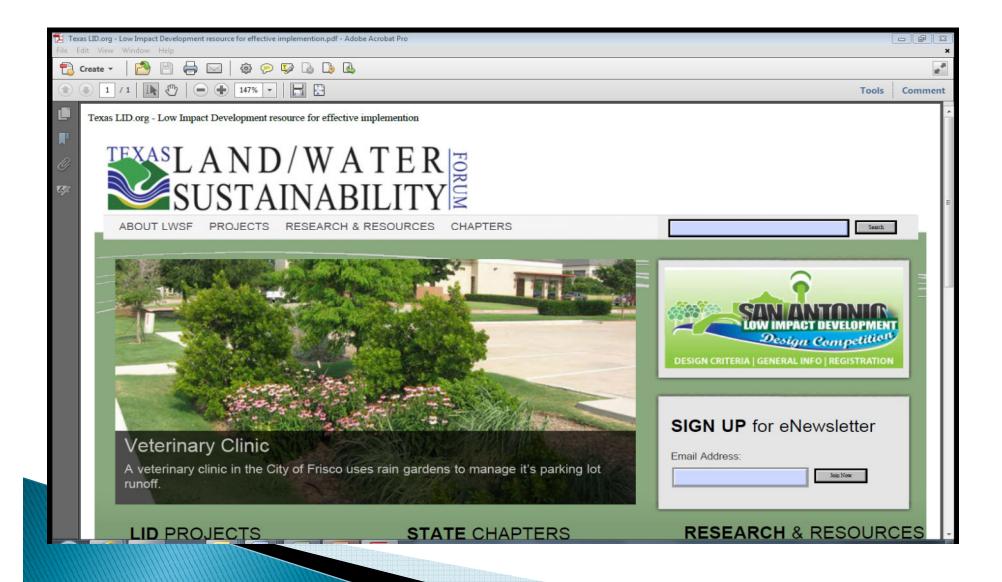




San Antonio
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## TexasLID.org Website Resources



#### **Urban Runoff**

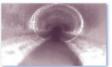
- NPS Education Workshops for Municipal Officials
- Urban Nutrient Management
  - Public Service Announcements
  - Utility Bill Inserts
- Wastewater
  - Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Workshops
  - Online links to GBRA Wastewater treatment, FOG, and Storm Water training

#### City of Killeen FOG Program

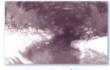
#### About fats, oil, grease (FOG) in the sewer system

Fats, oils, and grease-FOG-comes from meat fats in food scraps, cooking oil, shortening, lard, butter and margarine, gravy, and food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream.

FOG poured down kitchen drains accumulates inside sewer pipes. As the FOG builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipe and can cause untreated wastewater to back up into homes and businesses, resulting in high costs for cleanup and restoration.













Manholes can overflow into parks, yards, streets, and storm drains, allowing FOG to contaminate local waters, including drinking water. Exposure to untreated wastewater is a public-health hazard.

FOG discharged into septic systems and drain fields can cause malfunctions, resulting in more frequent tank pump-outs and other expenses.

Restaurants, cafeterias, and fast-food establishments spend tens of thousands of dollars on plumbing emergencies each year to deal with grease blockages and pump out grease traps and interceptors. Some cities also charge businesses for the repair of sewer pipes and spill cleanup if they can attribute the blockage to a particular business. Some cities also add a surcharge to wastewater bills if a business exceeds a specified discharge limit. These expenses can be a significant.

Communities spend billions of dollars every year unplugging or replacing grease-blocked pipes, repairing pump stations, and cleaning up costly and illegal wastewater spills. Excessive FOG in the sewer system can affect local wastewater rates.

So, keeping FOG out of the sewer system helps everyone in the community. Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can cause serious damage to your community's sewer system. Every year communities spend billions unclogging or repairing pipes.

FOG clogs pipes and the bits of rotting food trapped in the FOG form hydrogen sulfide. The hydrogen sulfide combines with water to form sulfuric acid, which eats the pipes.

The clogs caused by FOG can also cause sanitary sewer overflows, which expose people to raw sewage—a serious health hazard—and are expensive to clean up.

#### In this section

#### Water and Sewer

- Fats, Oils, Grease (FOG) Program
- Backflow Prevention & Customer Service Division (BPAT&CSI)
- Water Conservation

remedies

#### Regulations/Ordinances

U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Potential Contamination Due to Cross Connections and Backflow and the Associated Health Risks

#### City of Killeen Ordinance, Chapter 30:

 Article III: Sewers and Sewage Disposal-FOG Sec. 30-73, Prohibited discharges through Sec. 30-84. Judicial enforcement

#### **Educational Downloads**

Download these flyers to learn how you can

- Let's Tackle the Grease in This. Kitchen!
- How sewer blockage affects the sewer system
- Effective ways to dispose of household waste and contribute to a sustainable clean environment

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## Questions?



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